

1 February 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

THROUGH : Chief, Intelligence School

SUBJECT : Senior Seminar in Foreign Policy -
Visit to CIA

1. The "Day at CIA" for the 9th FSI Senior Seminar in Foreign Policy, which took place on 26 January 1967 at Headquarters, "was a success from every standpoint, including the steak luncheon," according to the Agency's two student representatives in the current year's course-- [REDACTED] of the CA Staff, who was the moderator of the day's program, and [REDACTED] of OCI. They reported that the Staff of the Seminar "believes this year's visit to have been more effective than any previous one." They noted several students' reactions: "the best program of any government agency visited thus far", "...a superb day, I wouldn't change a thing", and "I liked the fast paced, no nonsense approach." AID student Charles Mann, who joined the Senior Seminar upon returning from South Vietnam, where he directed AID's program, also told [REDACTED] that he felt the day at CIA was the best government presentation the Senior Seminar class had had so far. A copy of the 30 January 1967 Memorandum from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] reporting the "feedback" reaction of the Senior Seminar to the visit to Headquarters, is attached.

2. Headed by Career Ambassador George V. Allen, Director of the Foreign Service Institute, and by Ambassador G. Lewis Jones, Coordinator of the Senior Seminar, the Senior Seminar class and staff were escorted in the morning from the Headquarters main entrance to the Director's Conference Room. After a welcome and introduction to the Agency's general mission and responsibilities by Admiral Taylor, the class then heard three separate briefings on the Intelligence Directorate, the Scientific and Technological Directorate, and the Clandestine Services by Dr. Smith, Mr. Duckett, and Mr. FitzGerald, respectively.

3. At the special luncheon in the Executive Dining Room, hosted by the Deputy Director, additional senior officials sat with the visitors: Dr. Kent, Mr. Bross, Dr. Proctor, Mr. Richardson, and [REDACTED] Ambassador Jones used this occasion to thank Admiral Taylor for the day's program.

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4. The afternoon session for the Senior Seminar opened with a detailed discussion by [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] ably assisted by [REDACTED] handled a lively question-and-answer period on the problems of clandestine operations.

5. High point of the series of presentations was the final hour with the Director. Mr. Helms spoke first about a series of problems. He urged the Senior Seminar students to help the "information explosion" by insisting on brevity and relevance in field reporting. He said that the DIA-CIA "conflict" was not a reality, that CIA obviously influenced--but did not get involved in--policy, and that the Agency probably had more controls on it than any other government department or agency. In an exceptionally frank question-and-answer period thereafter, the Director then commented on the Agency's efforts to be objective, the fruitlessness of re-examining the Bay of Pigs episode, the Agency's "public image" difficulties and its desire to win the respect of its policy readers, the Agency's recruiting efforts, and the generally good relations that CIA has with Congress.

6. One factor in the success of the "Day at CIA" was certainly the excellent support other Agency elements provided: [REDACTED] from the Audio and Visual Aids Branch, OTR, the advice of [REDACTED] of OCR, who ran the program last year, the help of the DCI's Administrative Officer, [REDACTED] and of the Executive Dining Room staff [REDACTED].

7. Regarding suggestions for the next "CIA Day" for the next Senior Seminar, [REDACTED] have offered a number of ideas in their memo, including a recommendation for a brief presentation by the DDS. One important administrative consideration will be to obtain more advance planning time for working out the necessary arrangements; this could easily be done by urging the Senior Seminar staff to notify us several weeks in advance of their next scheduled visit.

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[REDACTED]
Chief, Orientation and Briefing Faculty

Attachments:

- (1) Memo from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
- (2) Senior Seminar Schedule
- (3) Luncheon Seating Arrangement

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